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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON SHEEHAN ARTICLE

1. WE ARE SENDING BY SEPTTEL DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE TO PRESS
FOR USE IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED ABOUT ARTICLE

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ON "STEP BY STEP IN THE MIDDLE EAST" BY EDWARD SHEEHAN

IN "FOREIGN POLICY" MAGAZINE WHICH WILL BE APPEARING SUNDAY, MARCH 7, AND WHICH WE EXPECT WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A NUMBER OF PRESS STORIES.

2. THAT GUIDANCE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING: QUOTE:

WE HAVE REPEATEDLY SAID, AND REPEAT ONCE AGAIN, THAT IT IS FOR THE PARTIES THEMSELVES TO WORK OUT IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION -- INCLUDING THEIR NEGOTIATION OF THE FINAL BOUNDARIES BETWEEN THEM. IT IS NOT FOR THE UNITED STATES TO PRESENT A BLUEPRINT FOR A FINAL SETTLEMENT OR TO DRAW BOUNDARIES. AS WE HAVE SAID, UNDER RESOLUTION 242, IT IS FOR THE PARTIES THEMSELVES TO NEGOTIATE THOSE BOUNDARIES. END QUOTE.

3. YOU SHOULD TAKE NO INITIATIVES TO CALL THIS TO HOST GOVERNMENT'S ATTENTION, BUT IF QUERIED ABOUT THE MEANING OF THE FOREGOING, YOU SHOULD RESPOND THAT WE HAVE SAID THE SAME THING ON MANY OCCASIONS SINCE THE PASSAGE OF SC RESOLUTION 242 IN NOVEMBER 1967, AND THIS DOES NOT RPT NOT MEAN THAT THE USG WOULD BE INHIBITED IN ANY WAY FROM PUTTING FORTH IDEAS OF ITS OWN IF THE NEGOTIATING SITUATION SO REQUIRED. KISSINGER

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